

Morris County Heritage Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2022

Present: Chair Kathy Murphy, Vice Chair Larry Fast, Treasurer Epsey Farrell, and Secretary T.C. McCourt; HC Commissioners Carol Barkin, John Dunado, Joe Macasek, Marty Kane, and Martha Wells; Director Amanda Hefferan and History Program Development Specialist Nick Palatucci

Absent/Excused: None

Call to Order: Chair Kathy Murphy called the meeting to order at the Morris County Library and via WebEx at 9:37 a.m. and read the Open Public Meeting Statement.

Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as amended from the September 13, 2022, meeting. The motion passed unanimously among those eligible. Treasurer Farrell abstained.

Financial Report: Monies are being spent as needed. Two new county entrance markers have been ordered, as have supplies for the Fall Festival. The 2023 budget has been submitted with no changes.

Chair's Report: Chair Murphy had regular conversations with Director Hefferan on various topics, including the Long-Range Plan and the historic site survey.

County Commissioner's Report: None

Director's/Archive Collection Report: During the summer, the office focused on general administrative functions, grants, and research requests. The archives are open to on-site researchers, by appointment only. Inquiries, which have increased, continue to be received via email and phone. There has been a request to digitize the photographs from the historic site survey. This is being considered as a long-term project. A new County Library sign has been purchased, which will include the Heritage Commission to mark our presence.

Program Development Report: The 2022 re-grant interim report was due on September 9. Mr. Palatucci is planning site visits for recipients. Supplies have been ordered for the Morristown Fall Festival, where the Commission will have a table. The County Library is having a large event for their 100th anniversary in November, and Commission staff is helping with the history exhibit. Mr. Palatucci attended a virtual meeting held by the NJHC which focused on the beginning plans for the United States' 250th anniversary in 2026.

Subcommittee Reports:

- **Archives:** None
- **Grants/Re-Grants:** None

- **Long-Range Plan:** A draft has been supplied to the full Commission and, after minor updates, will be submitted to the County for review.
- **Marker Program:** Draft language for the Charlotteburg and Phoenix House markers will be finalized shortly and submitted to the full Commission for approval (via email).
- **Personnel:** None
- **Public Programs/Exhibits:** Mr. Palatucci continues to work on plans for the first program as part of the re-started 50th anniversary programming. A partnership with the Morris County Library is being explored.
- **Publications:** Work on the Fall 2022 newsletter is underway. An article for the Commissioners' Corner is still needed.

Communications: Multiple Section 106s were received, as were newsletters from the Madison Historical Society, Boonton Historical Society, Lake Hopatcong Historical Museum, Dover Historical Society, and the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey.

Old Business: The October meeting will remain virtual.

New Business: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned without objection at 10:54 a.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. (via WebEx)

Respectfully submitted,

**T.C. McCourt
Secretary**